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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants submit the following preliminary amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, please insert the following:

—CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION:

This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/475,057 filed December 30, 1999, which in turn is a continuation of Application No. 09/144,174 filed August 31, 1998 (now U.S. Patent 6,044,476), which in turn is a continuation of Application No. 08/655,482 filed May 30, 1996 (now U.S. Patent 5,815,652).--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-12 and add claims 13-15 as follows:

1 13. A device comprising:

2 a power unit;

3 means for accepting an instruction for controlling said power unit from a managing
4 computer via a network;

5 a power unit controlling controller for converting said instruction into a power unit
6 control signal; and

7 means for performing control of said power unit based on said power unit control
8 signal from said power unit controlling controller.

1 14. A device according to claim 13, wherein said power unit controlling controller
2 comprises:

3 means for detecting a result and state of power unity control for said device; and

4 means for transmitting said detected result and state from said detecting means to said
5 managing computer via said network.

1 15. A device according to claim 13, wherein said device includes at least a server to be
2 managed.

REMARKS

Applicant requests that this Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to examination.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.34601CC3) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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